

REMARKS

No Claims have been amended.

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 18, 19, and 37 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 11-17 and 20-36 remain pending in this application.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 20, 24, 25, and 29 are in Independent format.

1. Claim Objections

The Examiner's objections to Claims 18 and 37 are respectfully acknowledged. Claims 18 and 37 have each been cancelled, and accordingly, the objections are hereby rendered moot.

2. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The rejection of Claims 1-4 10 18, 19, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,601,091 to *Dolphin* is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-4, 10, 18, 19, and 37 have been cancelled without prejudice.

3. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**a. Claim 5**

The rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,601,091 to *Dolphin* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,868,682 to *Combs et al.* is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice.

b. Claim 6

The rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,601,091 to *Dolphin* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,197,332 to *Shennib* is respectfully traversed.

Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice.

c. Claims 8 and 9

The rejection of Claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,601,091 to *Dolphin* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,267,571 to *Zurek et al.* is respectfully traversed.

Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice.

4. Allowable Subject Matter

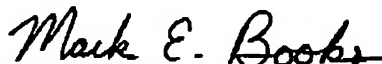
The Examiner's allowance of Claim 11 and Claims 20-23 is respectfully acknowledged, together with the continued allowance of Claims 12-17 and 24-36.

5. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance for the allowed pending claims remaining in the application is requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels there are remaining issues, and that an interview would be helpful to resolve them, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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